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1. A Communist-sponsored Rumanian group has recently been formed in Montevideo and is at present holding meetings at the Centro Cultural Hungaro-Uruguayo, located at Calle Millan 3920. One of the organizers is Esteban Zakel, a former member of a German Communist group in Montevideo.¹
2. On 18 July 1953 a meeting of the new group was held to hear a talk by Hector CERRUTTI, Communist-front leader who visited Bucharest, Rumania, in March 1953. CERRUTTI, who is employed by the Caja de Jubilaciones, government pension office, spoke of his experiences in Rumania. Some 16 persons were present at this meeting. A display of books, photographs, and periodicals from Rumania was shown at the meeting.²

 Comments.

1. Stefan Zakel, believed identical with Esteban Zakel, was reported in November 1946 as a member of Nueva Alemania, German Communist-front organization in Uruguay. Stefan Zakel was described as a mechanic living at Calle Palmar 2241.
2. In the 15 May 1953 edition of La Roumanie Nouvelle, bi-monthly newspaper published in Rumania, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, there were two articles signed by Uruguayans. In them the writers, Selmar BALBI and Alfredo MERCADAL, described their impressions of their visit to Rumania. CERRUTTI, BALBI, and MERCADAL were members of the Uruguayan delegation which attended the International Social Security Conference held in Vienna in March 1953.

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